



Tate Early Learning

Earliest possible behavioral intervention for children at risk for Autism

Frequently Asked Questions

What is Tate Early Learning?

Tate Early Learning is a program of Tate Behavioral. We offer FREE in-home parent consultation based on the principles of Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) to families with children at risk for Autism whom are awaiting formal diagnostic assessments or intensive ABA services.

At this time, services are offered in a limited 6-week pilot program. Following the pilot, we will evaluate expanding and continuing the service. Our future goal is to conduct scientific research on the efficacy of ABA-based interventions in children at risk for Autism at the earliest possible ages.

Is Tate Early Learning really free? What's the catch?

Yes, it's really free. There is no catch. There are no fees, bills, co-pays or insurance claims of any kind. The program is offered as a free community service to eligible families. Tate Behavioral is donating employee time and resources to this program.

Why is Tate Behavioral offering this free service?

We know that every minute counts for a young child at risk for Autism. We see too many families waiting too long for critical supports and services due to long wait lists for diagnosis and treatment. We have the ability to help, so we want to offer that help to families during this important time of child development. Eventually, we want to conduct research on how ABA can best help very young children at risk for Autism.

Is Tate Behavioral or Tate Early Learning an Early Intervention Specialty Service Provider?

No. Tate Behavioral is a private agency offering Applied Behavioral Analysis services in homes, schools, and the community. We are not affiliated with the Massachusetts Early Intervention system. Tate Early Learning is a free program offered to eligible families who also may or may not be eligible for Early Intervention services such as consultation from a developmental specialist, social worker, nurse, occupational therapist, speech therapist and/or physical therapist. Families who are receiving Early Intervention Autism-Specialty Services (ABA or DIR/Floortime) are not eligible for simultaneous Tate Early Learning services.

Is Tate Early Learning encouraging families to circumvent the Early Intervention process?

No. Tate Behavioral and Tate Early Learning greatly value the Early Intervention system and encourage families to actively engage in all appropriate Early Intervention services whenever those services are available. When those services are not immediately available, we want to help families do all they can to support their children's healthy development while they wait. Tate Behavioral values collaboration with other agencies and providers who are working to help families.

Tate Early Learning is available to families regardless of their eligibility for Early Intervention services. However, families who are receiving Early Intervention Autism-Specialty Services (ABA or DIR/Floortime) or similar intensive interventions from other providers are not eligible for simultaneous services from Tate Early Learning.

How does the Tate Early Learning program differ from other insurance-based services available from Tate Behavioral?

Tate Early Learning offers twice weekly in-home sessions designed to help parents address common concerns in children at risk for Autism. Services are available without an Autism diagnosis and without insurance. The program follows an ABA-based parent consultation and training model that emphasizes parent-child interactions.

Tate Behavioral's insurance-based services require an Autism diagnosis and follow a medical treatment model. Services are typically much more intensive and involve direct intervention with the child. Tate's individualized services take place at home and in the community several days per week for up to 30 hours per week. Services are designed to support individuals' independence, functional skills, and successful participation in family life and in the community.

What happens when the pilot ends?

Tate Early Learning will provide 6-weeks of valuable consultation to families during our pilot. Based on interest and family responses to the pilot we will assess and consider next steps. We will be able to provide at least some ongoing consultation to eligible families immediately following the pilot. As we move towards the end of the pilot period, Tate Early Learning clinicians will work collaboratively with families to assist in their transitions to other appropriate services such as Early Intervention Specialty Services, public pre-schools, or insurance-based ABA service providers.